

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ETHNOLOGY  
AND ARCHÆOLOGY.

The Professor of Ethnology and Archæology reports that during the current year a regular course of lectures on his branch was delivered in the Lecture Hall of the Academy. The audience was large, and a growing interest was manifested in the subject.

The collections in this department are in process of installation in the new building and a portion of them is satisfactorily displayed. With proper facilities all the objects illustrating this important branch of natural history in possession of the Academy, can now be grouped together and opened for inspection.

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REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF INVERTEBRATE  
ZOOLOGY.

The Professor of Invertebrate Zoology respectfully reports that during the past year he has delivered two lectures, one upon "Corals and the Coral Islands," and one upon "Zoological Gardens."

The additions to the museum during the year have been neither numerous nor important.

The course of lectures planned and mentioned in the report of last year was not delivered owing to preparation for and departure upon an expedition to Bering Sea, the Arctic Ocean and adjacent shores.

Permission was obtained from the Treasury Department of the United States to accompany the U. S. Revenue Cutter "Bear" during her cruise in the Arctic Ocean. The Aleutian and Seal Islands and the northern shores of Siberia and Alaska were visited. Collections were made at all points where it was possible. Collections of plants, birds, marine forms and native implements were among the most important made. The skin of a walrus and the skins of a male, female and young fur seal were obtained. For permission to secure the skins of the fur seals the Academy is indebted to the special favor of the U. S. Treasury Department.

As the collections were not received until after the close of the fiscal year, a report upon them must be deferred.

A course of six lectures on the "Influence of the Environment